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A DOUBLE-BARRELED  
BOOK-LENGTH BLOCKBUSTER!

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FATE OF THE  
WHOLE WORLD  
HANGS ON A THREAD AS  
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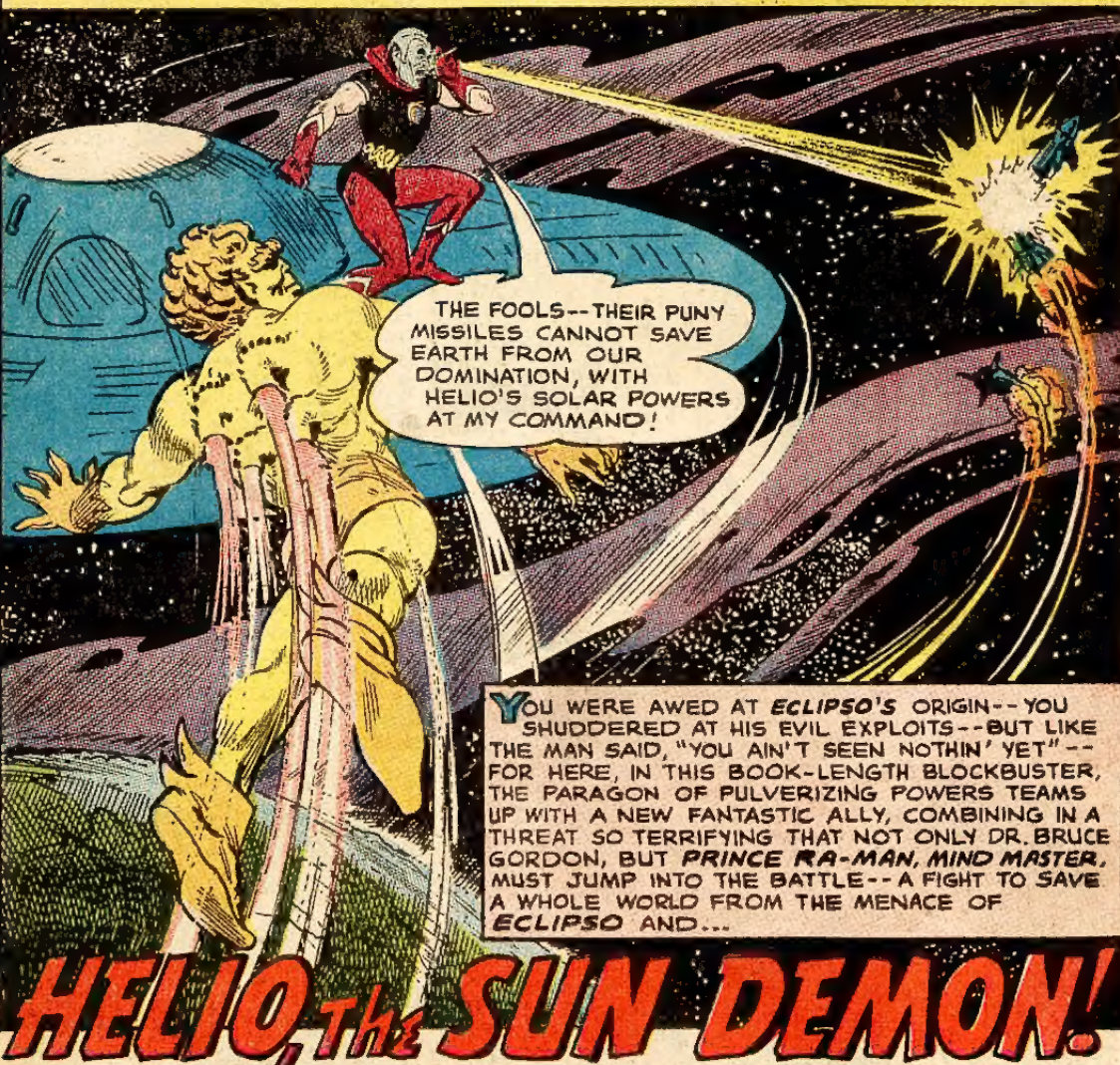


# **ECLIPSO**

and **HERO and VILLAIN in ONE MAN!**

# **PRINCE RA-MAN**

## **MIND MASTER**



THE FOOLS--THEIR PUNY MISSILES CANNOT SAVE EARTH FROM OUR DOMINATION, WITH HELIO'S SOLAR POWERS AT MY COMMAND!

**YOU** WERE AWED AT **ECLIPSO'S** ORIGIN-- YOU SHUDDERED AT HIS EVIL EXPLOITS-- BUT LIKE THE MAN SAID, "YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET"-- FOR HERE, IN THIS BOOK-LENGTH BLOCKBUSTER, THE PARAGON OF PULVERIZING POWERS TEAMS UP WITH A NEW FANTASTIC ALLY, COMBINING IN A THREAT SO TERRIFYING THAT NOT ONLY DR. BRUCE GORDON, BUT **PRINCE RA-MAN, MIND MASTER**, MUST JUMP INTO THE BATTLE-- A FIGHT TO SAVE A WHOLE WORLD FROM THE MENACE OF **ECLIPSO** AND...

# **HELIO, THE SUN DEMON!**

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IN THE VAST LAB-COMPLEX BENEATH THE RUINS OF SOLAR CITY-- DR. BRUCE GORDON, BRILLIANT YOUNG SCIENTIST, INDULGES IN SOME EXHAUSTING "RESEARCH" ...

OH, DARLING-- DARLING-- I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE DAY WE'RE MARRIED!

MONA, HONEY, YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT... YOU KNOW WHO STANDS BETWEEN US!



BREAK IT UP, YOU TWO--OR YOU'LL STILL BE SMOOCHING WHEN ECLIPSO APPEARS-- WHICH WILL BE IN EXACTLY THIRTY MINUTES WHEN THAT ECLIPSE OVER NORTH AFRICA BEGINS!

CHECK, PROFESSOR! WELL, HERE I GO AGAIN!... ONE THING YOU CAN SAY-- IT'S NOT A DULL LIFE HAVING A SECRET SPLIT IDENTITY!



HMMM-- I SUPPOSE SO, DARLING-- AND I GUESS I'M THE ONLY GIRL WHO HAS AN EVIL WEIRDIE LIKE ECLIPSO FOR A RIVAL-- INSTEAD OF SOME ORDINARY, EVERYDAY GORGEOUS BLONDE!



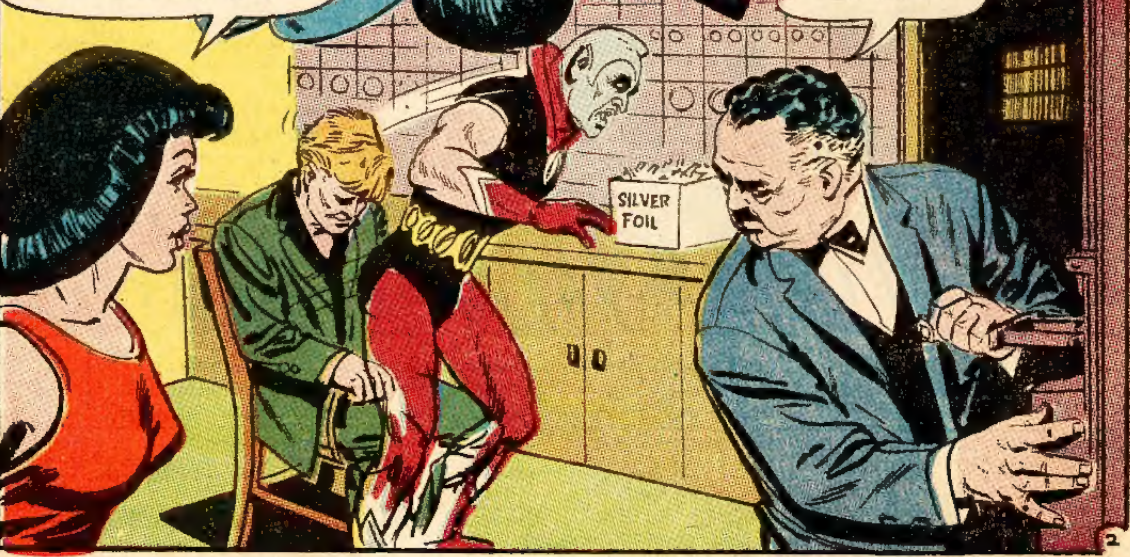
TENSE PREPARATIONS ARE MADE... AND NOT LONG AFTER-- HALF A WORLD AWAY ... THE UNIVERSE'S MOST AWESOME SPECTACLE BEGINS...



WHILE BACK IN THE LAB-COMPLEX...

DAD, IT'S HAPPENING... ECLIPSO IS SPLITTING OFF FROM BRUCE!

STAND BY-- I'M GOING TO HIT HIM WITH HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT... SEND HIM BACK INTO BRUCE'S BODY...





LIKE A NIGHTMARE COMING TO TERRIFYING LIFE-- THE MASTER OF DARKNESS EMERGES FROM THE COMATOSE YOUNG SCIENTIST'S FORM, AND...

**ECLIPSO...**  
HE'S TOSSED  
A SHOWER  
OF SILVER  
FOIL--IT'S  
SCATTERING  
THE LIGHT!



**TZAAAAAPP!**

SILVER  
FOIL

AND AS THE HIGH-PHOTON LIGHT IS  
DIFFUSED IN A THOUSAND REFLECTIVE  
BEAMS...

OUTSMARTED YOU,  
PROFESSOR! WHEN  
NEXT YOU HEAR OF  
**ECLIPSO**, CENTAURI  
WILL MAKE ME MASTER  
OF THE WORLD! NOW  
FAREWELL!

BRUCE!...WE  
MUST ROUSE  
HIM!



WHEN BRUCE GORDON SNAPS OUT OF  
HIS STUPOR...

NO! YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO TELL ME--I CAN  
FEEL IT IN MY  
BONES! **ECLIPSO**  
TRICKED US AND  
ESCAPED!

I--I'M SORRY,  
BRUCE! IMAGINE  
BEING FOOLED  
BY A SIMPLE  
GIMMICK LIKE THAT...  
A SHOWER OF  
SILVER FOIL TO  
REFLECT THE LIGHT!



SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE!  
BOMBER CREWS USED  
THE SAME GIMMICK  
TO BAFFLE RADAR  
DURING THE WAR!  
OKAY, LET'S GET  
AFTER HIM!

HIS  
LAST WORDS,  
BRUCE..."WHEN  
NEXT YOU HEAR  
OF **ECLIPSO**,  
CENTAURI WILL  
MAKE ME  
MASTER  
OF THE  
WORLD!"

DOESN'T  
MEAN A  
THING--  
JUST  
GIBBERISH!



BUT AS THE TRIO TRIES  
TO PICK UP THE TRAIL  
OF THE ECLIPSED  
MAN...

NOT A SIGN  
OF HIM, BRUCE!  
AGAIN HE'S LOOSE  
ON AN UNSUSPECTING  
WORLD, AND AGAIN  
I'M RESPONSIBLE!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
FIND HIM!





**BUT A FEW DAYS LATER...**

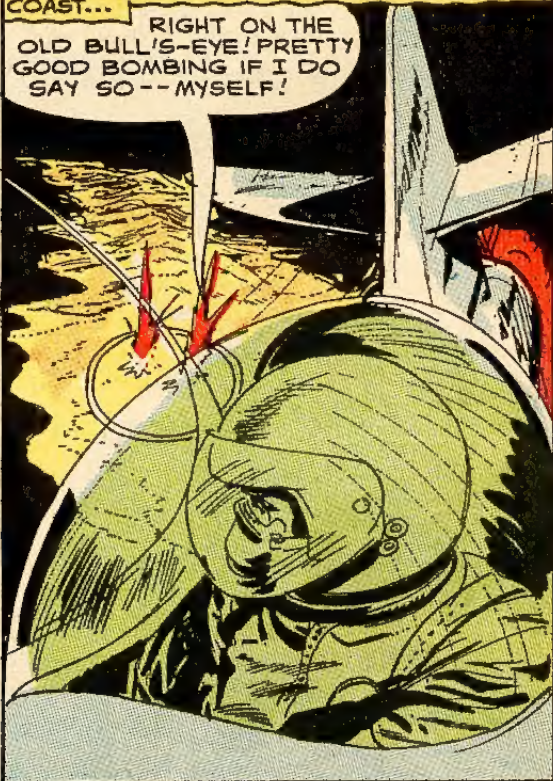
**ECLIPSO'S** VANISHED INTO THIN AIR, **BRUCE!** IN THE PAST HIS BIZARRE CRIMES ALWAYS LED US TO HIM-- BUT THIS TIME...??

THIS TIME HE'S UP TO SOMETHING MORE EVIL-- MORE TERRIFYING! I CAN FEEL IT--! BUT WHAT? AND WHERE IS HE HATCHING HIS DIABOLICAL PLOT... WHERE?



WHERE INDEED, **BRUCE GORDON!** FOR AT THIS MOMENT, ABOVE AN ISLAND OFF THE COAST...

RIGHT ON THE OLD BULL'S-EYE! PRETTY GOOD BOMBING IF I DO SAY SO-- MYSELF!



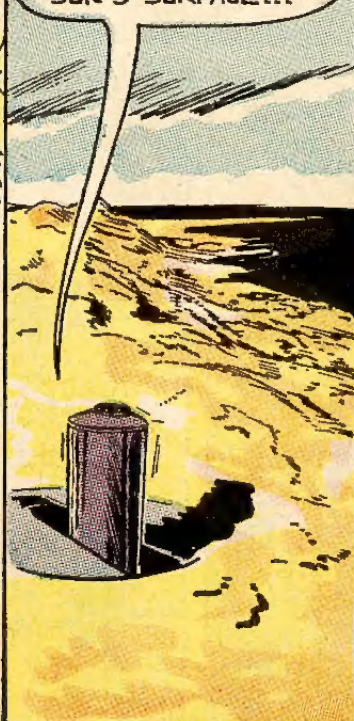
WHILE BELOW THE ISLAND'S SURFACE--PROTECTED BY FIFTY FEET OF PACKED SAND...

THIS OFF-LIMITS BOMBING RANGE MAKES A PERFECT SPOT TO CONDUCT MY EXPERIMENTS! THOSE BOMB BURSTS ABOVE ARE SOOTHING MUSIC--ASSURING ME THAT NO ONE WILL DISTURB MY WORK!

**WHUMP!**  
**WHUMP!**



THEN... MY NOISY FRIENDS HAVE FINISHED FOR A WHILE! JUST IN TIME FOR MY OBSERVATIONS OF THE SUN'S SURFACE...



NOW AS THE INFAMOUS SPLIT MAN GAZES TOWARD THE SUN--NINETY-THREE MILLION MILES AWAY...

**EXCELLENT!** THE SOLAR PROMINENCES ARE REACHING MAXIMUM! NOW, IF ALL MY OTHER EXPERIMENTS ARE CORRECT...

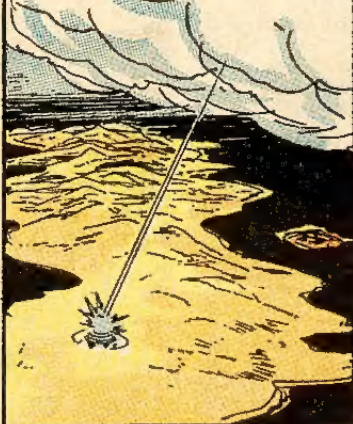
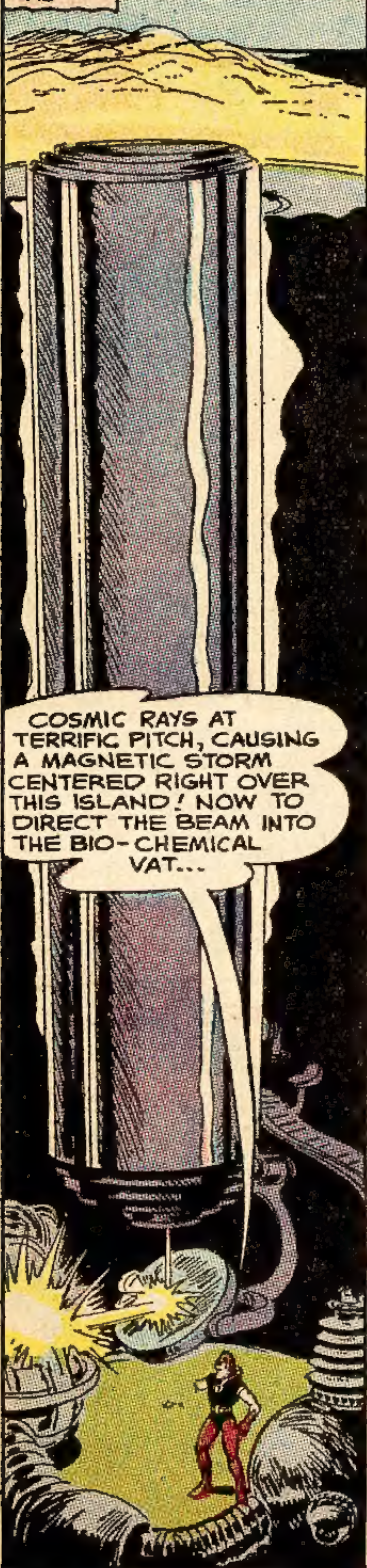




AS THE HUGE TELESCOPE DEVICES PRISMS AND MIRRORS GATHER AND FOCUS THE SOLAR TURBULENCE AND PINPOINT IT IN THE BURIED LAB...

UNSEEN BY HUMAN EYES, A VORTEX OF SOLAR POWER, HURTTLES DOWN AT THE DESOLATE SANDPIT...

AND INSIDE... IT'S WORKING! MUST SHIELD MYSELF FROM THE INTENSE LIGHT!



MOMENTS LATER...

WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?

I, **ECLIPSO**, MASTER OF DARKNESS, HAVE CREATED YOU, **HELIO**, MASTER OF LIGHT! THIS SPECIALLY TREATED CAPE WILL PROTECT ME WHEN YOU USE YOUR POWERS!

HERE! PUT THIS ON! AS YOU SEE, I WAS ALL PREPARED FOR YOU!

I HAVE COME A LONG WAY-- MILLIONS OF MILES! YOU HAD BETTER NOT WASTE MY TIME, **ECLIPSO**!

COSMIC RAYS AT TERRIFIC PITCH, CAUSING A MAGNETIC STORM CENTERED RIGHT OVER THIS ISLAND! NOW TO DIRECT THE BEAM INTO THE BIO-CHEMICAL VAT...







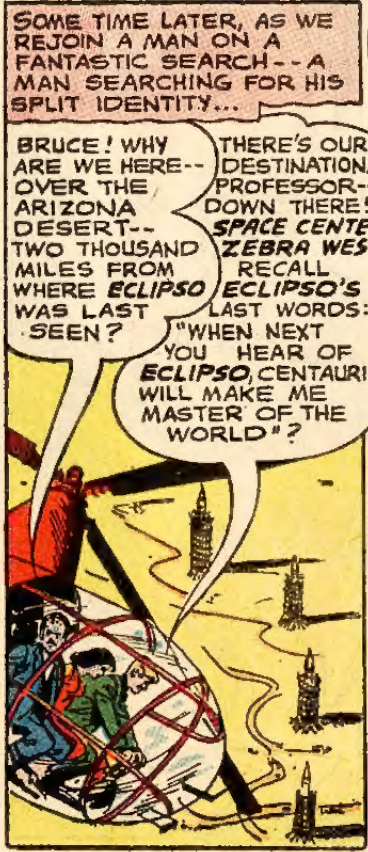
ONLY PART OF YOU CAME FROM THE SUN, MY FRIEND! THE REST FROM BIO-CHEMICALS I COMPOUNDED! AND SINCE YOU'VE JUST BEEN BORN, DON'T BE IMPATIENT! FIRST--A TEST OF YOUR POWERS!



MY POWERS? WHY, THOSE OF THE SUN ITSELF--THE INCANDESCENT, DAZZLING POWER OF EXPLODING HYDROGEN! THERE! THAT'S JUST A SMALL SAMPLE!



SPLENDID! WE ARE FIT COMPANIONS, HELIO! FIT TO CARRY OUT TOGETHER THE OPERATION THAT WILL MAKE THE ENTIRE WORLD SHAKE AT THE SOUND OF OUR NAMES!

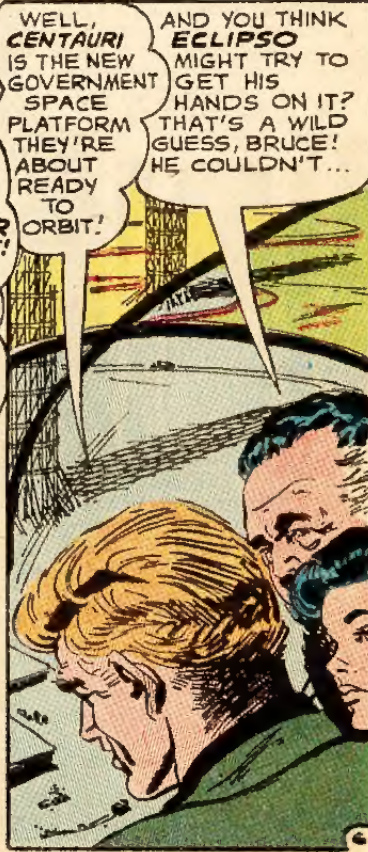


SOME TIME LATER, AS WE REJOIN A MAN ON A FANTASTIC SEARCH--A MAN SEARCHING FOR HIS SPLIT IDENTITY...

BRUCE! WHY ARE WE HERE-- OVER THE ARIZONA DESERT-- TWO THOUSAND MILES FROM WHERE ECLIPSO WAS LAST SEEN?

THERE'S OUR DESTINATION. PROFESSOR-- DOWN THERE! SPACE CENTER ZEBRA WEST!

RECALL ECLIPSO'S LAST WORDS: "WHEN NEXT YOU HEAR OF ECLIPSO, CENTAURI! WILL MAKE ME MASTER OF THE WORLD"?



WELL, CENTAURI IS THE NEW GOVERNMENT SPACE PLATFORM THEY'RE ABOUT READY TO ORBIT!

AND YOU THINK ECLIPSO MIGHT TRY TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT? THAT'S A WILD GUESS, BRUCE! HE COULDN'T...



DOWN THERE--LEAPING  
FROM THAT TRUCK!  
**ECLIPSO!**

BRUCE, YOU  
WERE RIGHT!  
HE'S HERE!  
GOOD STARS!--  
WHO'S THAT  
FANTASTIC  
CHARACTER  
WITH HIM?

**ECLIPSO'S** BLASTING A  
HOLE IN THE FENCE WITH  
HIS ENERGY BOLTS!

BUT AS THE COPTER  
STARTS DOWN TO LAND...

BLACK  
LIGHT! CAN'T  
SEE TO  
LAND!

I DON'T KNOW  
HOW GORDON  
KNEW THIS  
WAS OUR  
OBJECTIVE,  
**HELIO**--  
BUT THAT'LL  
KEEP HIM  
FROM  
INTERFERING  
FOR A WHILE!

AN  
INTERESTING  
DEMONSTRATION  
OF YOURS,  
**ECLIPSO**--  
BUT JUST  
WATCH  
MINE!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

HANG ON!

HA! HA!  
HAH!  
HA!

**CRAASH!**

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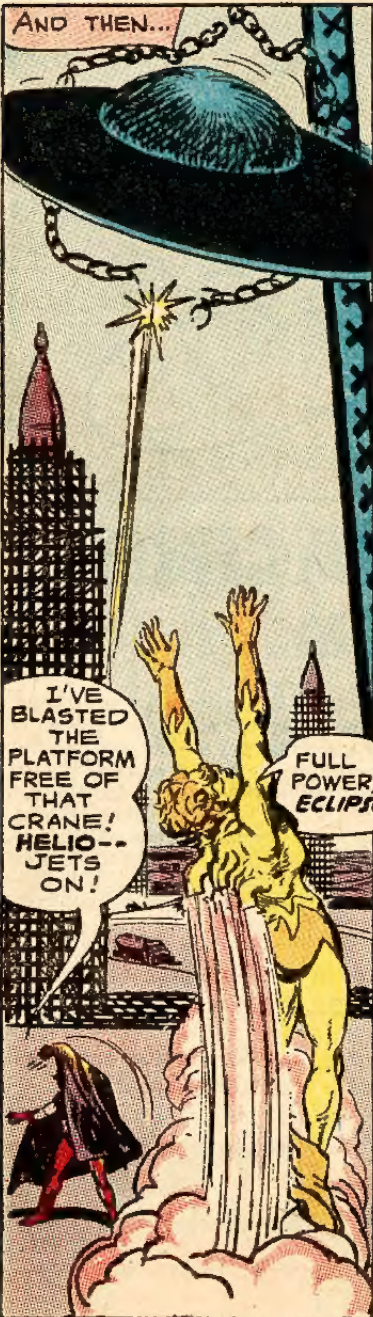


GET BACK--!  
THAT WEIRDIE'S  
BLASTING US WITH  
FLAMING HYROGEN!

WHOOOOSH!



AND THEN...



I'VE  
BLASTED  
THE  
PLATFORM  
FREE OF  
THAT  
CRANE!  
HELIO--  
JETS  
ON!

FULL  
POWER,  
ECLIPSO!

ECLIPSO'S MAD! HE  
CAN'T STEAL THAT  
PLATFORM...IT WEIGHS  
TONS!



MAYBE NOT--  
BUT THAT  
BIZARRE  
PARTNER  
OF HIS--  
HELIO--  
SURE  
CAN!--  
LOOK!

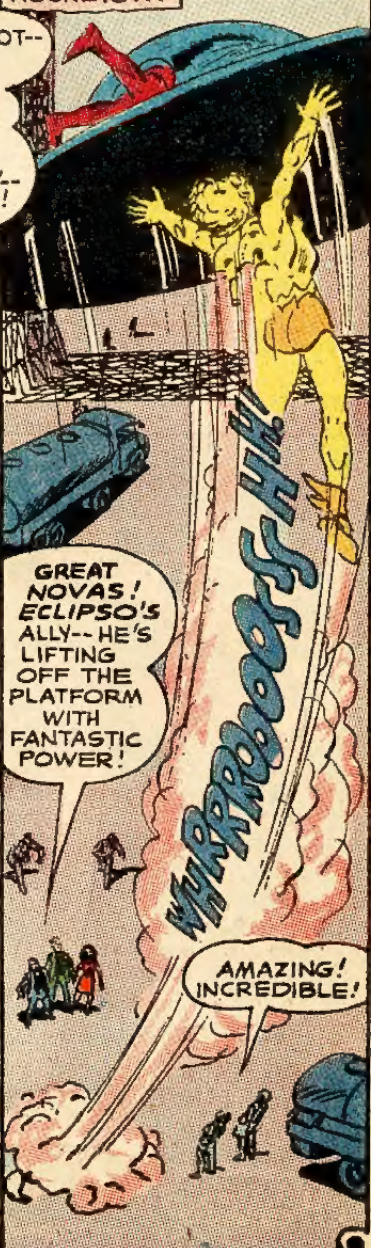
AND AS THE NEWLY CREATED  
ALLY OF ECLIPSO MAKES  
THE PLATFORM HOVER LIKE  
A FEATHER...

PERFECT,  
HELIO! NOW  
LET'S CLEAR  
OUT OF HERE--  
FAST!

MY  
POWERS  
HAVEN'T  
EVEN BEEN  
CHALLENGED  
YET, ECLIPSO!  
SOLAR ENERGY  
IS THE  
GREATEST  
IN THE  
UNIVERSE!



THEN, LIKE THE THUNDERING  
THRUST OF A HUNDRED  
ROCKETS...



GREAT  
NOVAS!  
ECLIPSO'S  
ALLY-- HE'S  
LIFTING  
OFF THE  
PLATFORM  
WITH  
FANTASTIC  
POWER!

AMAZING!  
INCREDIBLE!



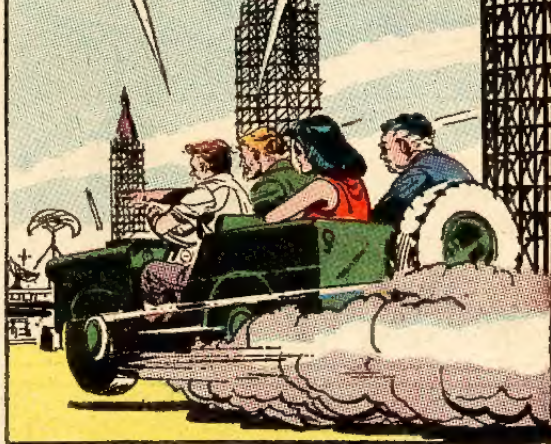
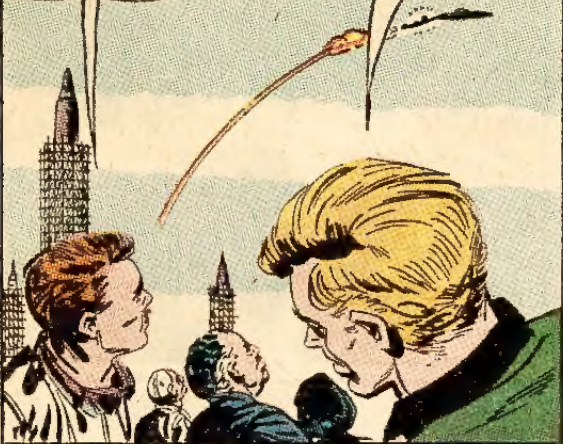
NOW FLASHING ACROSS THE SKY IN A  
DAZZLING GOLDEN ARC...

LOOK AT THAT  
BUSTER GO--!  
BUT WHY ARE  
THEY STEALING  
THE PLATFORM--??

I'VE GOT  
A PRETTY GOOD IDEA!  
QUICKLY-- TAKE ME TO  
THE REMOTE GROUND  
CONTROLS!

THE GROUND  
CONTROLS  
ARE IN THAT  
BLOCKHOUSE--  
AHEAD!

STEP ON IT! IF THOSE  
TWO SUPER-VILLAINS  
GET AWAY WITH THAT  
PLATFORM, IT COULD  
BE CATASTROPHIC!



"ECLIPSO  
CAN EQUIP  
THE  
PLATFORM  
AND PUT  
IT INTO ORBIT  
AROUND MOTHER  
EARTH--USING  
THAT **HELIO**'S  
SOLAR  
POWER..."



16000...17000...17,500  
MILES PER HOUR!...  
WE'VE REACHED  
ORBITAL VELOCITY!  
SPLENDID,  
**HELIO!**

JETS  
OFF--!

"THEY COULD THEN USE IT TO DOMINATE  
THE WHOLE GLOBE, CHANGING THEIR  
ORBIT AT WILL! STRIKE ANYWHERE--  
ANYTIME--WITH **HELIO**'S FANTASTIC  
SOLAR JETS..."

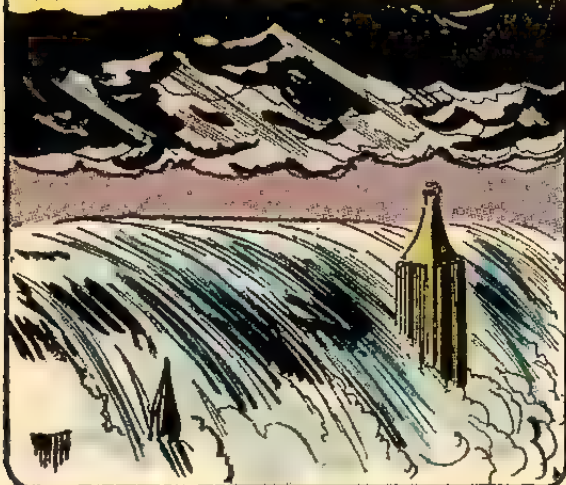


"MELT THE POLAR ICE CAPS..."





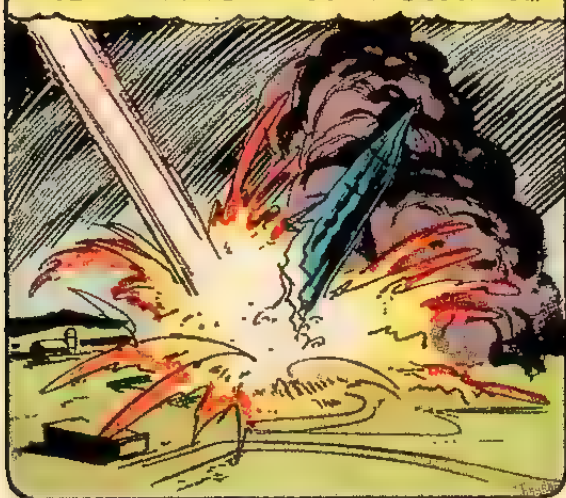
"CAUSING THE SEA LEVEL TO RISE AND FLOOD THE WHOLE WORLD'S COASTAL AREAS..."



"CROPS AND VEGETATION COULD BE DESTROYED BY REMOTE SOLAR BLASTS..."

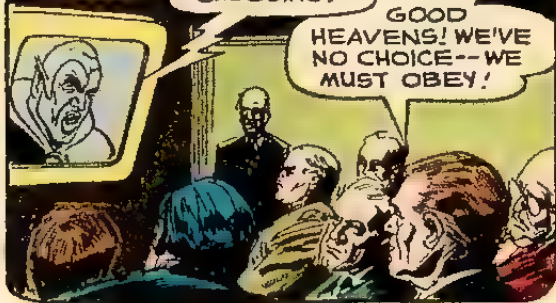


"MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, WEAPONS, COULD BE KNOCKED OUT IN SECONDS..."



"COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE BLACKMAILED BY THOSE TWO ORBITING SPACE BANDITS..."

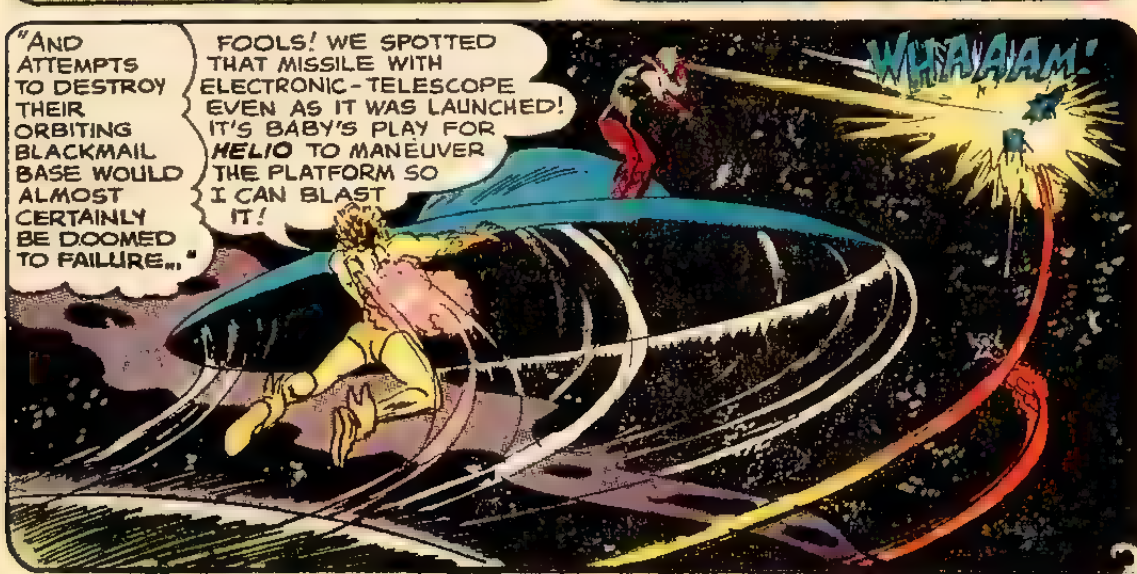
NOW, GENTLEMEN, YOU WILL MEET MY TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY! CONTROL OF ALL MONEY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ARMIES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO US! ALL SCIENTISTS WILL LABOR ONLY ON PROJECTS OF MY CHOOSING!



GOOD HEAVENS! WE'VE NO CHOICE--WE MUST OBEY!

"AND ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THEIR ORBITING BLACKMAIL BASE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DOOMED TO FAILURE..."

FOOLS! WE SPOTTED THAT MISSILE WITH ELECTRONIC-TELESCOPE EVEN AS IT WAS LAUNCHED! IT'S BABY'S PLAY FOR HELIO TO MANEUVER THE PLATFORM SO I CAN BLAST IT!





"NO, THE ONLY KIND OF 'MISSILE' EARTH COULD SEND AGAINST THEM WOULD CONTAIN NOTHING BUT TRIBUTE ..."

MORE SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS ARRIVING RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! BY IMPROVING THE INSTRUMENTS THE PLATFORM ALREADY HAS, WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR DOMINATION OF EARTH... INDEFINITELY!

ECLIPSO,  
I MUST ADMIT--  
YOU ARE A  
GENIUS!

YOU HAVE PHOTO-FLASH LAMPS INSIDE THAT GONDOLA BUBBLE FOR SPACE PICTURES?

RIGHT, DR. GORDON!

THEN IN EXACTLY THIRTY SECONDS, FIRE THEM REMOTELY--IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE-OR-DEATH!

DAD! WHAT'S BRUCE DOING? HE'S RUNNING AWAY!

MUST HIDE... QUICKLY!

MEANTIME...  
...TWENTY-  
EIGHT...  
TWENTY-NINE... THIRTY  
SECONDS!

AND WHERE THE HI-JACKED SPACE PLATFORM ZOOMS ALONG A THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE WESTERN DESERT.

LIGHT--!  
INTENSE LIGHT--!  
MY NEMESIS--!  
AIEEEEE!

VAAZAAPP!



THE NEXT MOMENT...

**ECLIPSO**-- BEING DRAWN  
RIGHT THROUGH THE  
CAPSULE SHELL BACK  
TOWARD EARTH! THAT  
LIGHT FLASH-- IT MUST  
HAVE OVERCOME  
HIM!



WHAT IN  
BLAZES  
IS THAT?  
A METEOR?

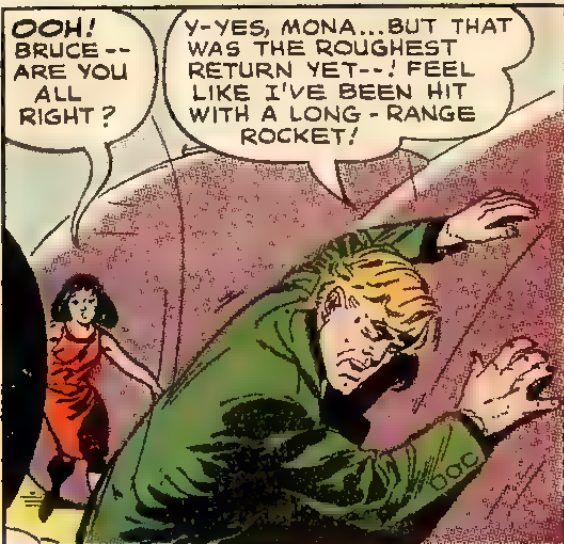
YES...A  
METEOR,  
NO DOUBT!

A "METEOR"  
CALLED **ECLIPSO**  
RUSHING BACK INTO  
BRUCE'S BODY!  
FAST THINKING,  
BOY!



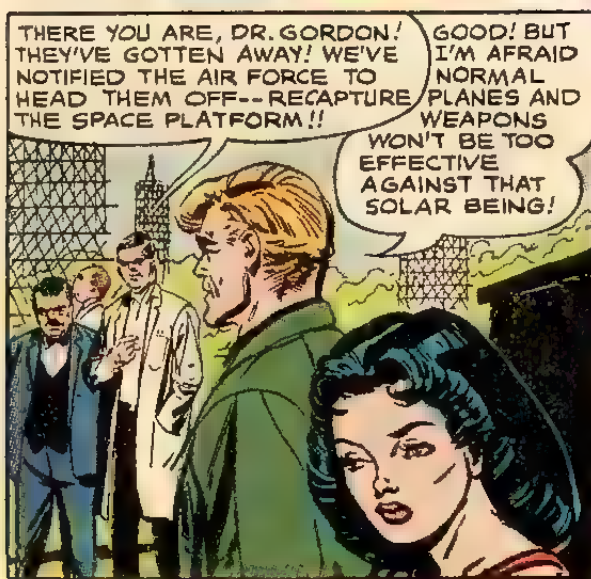
OOH!  
BRUCE--  
ARE YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?

Y-YES, MONA...BUT THAT  
WAS THE ROUGHEST  
RETURN YET--! FEEL  
LIKE I'VE BEEN HIT  
WITH A LONG-RANGE  
ROCKET!



THERE YOU ARE, DR. GORDON!  
THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY! WE'VE  
NOTIFIED THE AIR FORCE TO  
HEAD THEM OFF--RECAPTURE  
THE SPACE PLATFORM!!

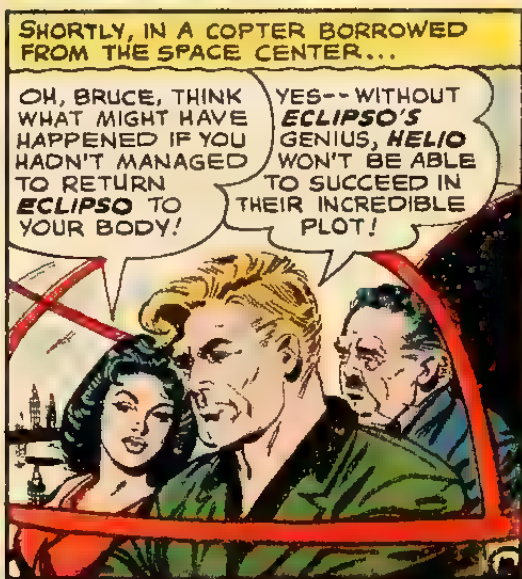
GOOD! BUT  
I'M AFRAID  
NORMAL  
PLANES AND  
WEAPONS  
WON'T BE TOO  
EFFECTIVE  
AGAINST THAT  
SOLAR BEING!



SHORTLY, IN A COPTER BORROWED  
FROM THE SPACE CENTER...

OH, BRUCE, THINK  
WHAT MIGHT HAVE  
HAPPENED IF YOU  
HADN'T MANAGED  
TO RETURN  
**ECLIPSO** TO  
YOUR BODY!

YES-- WITHOUT  
**ECLIPSO'S**  
GENIUS, **HELIO**  
WON'T BE ABLE  
TO SUCCEED IN  
THEIR INCREDIBLE  
PLOT!





BUT HE'S STILL A  
THREAT ON THE  
LOOSE WITH THE  
SPACE PLATFORM!  
WE MUST FIND HIM!

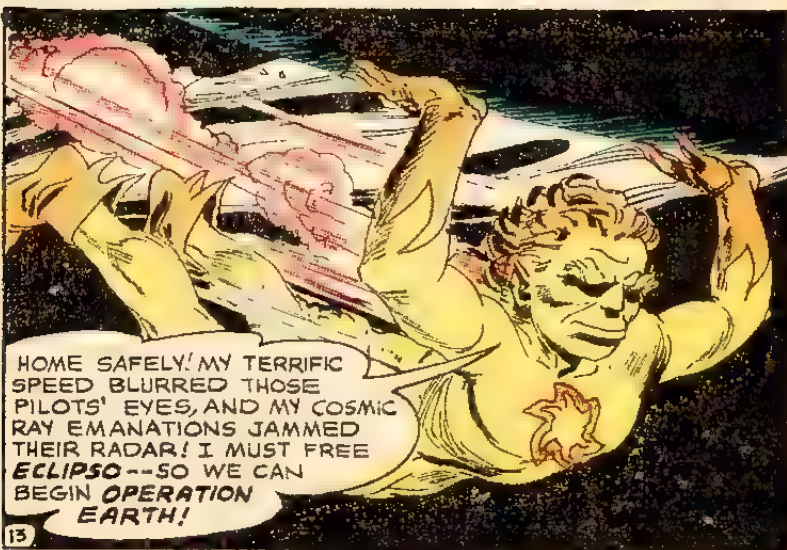
BUT HOW-? WE  
DON'T KNOW WHERE  
**ECLIPSO'S** LATEST  
HIDEOUT IS LOCATED!



SOON, A MASSIVE ALL-OUT  
SEARCH TAKES PLACE...

EASY ONE TO EASY  
SEVEN! SPOT ANY-  
THING??

NOTHING, EASY  
ONE! SKY'S A  
BLANK!



HOME SAFELY! MY TERRIFIC  
SPEED BLURRED THOSE  
PILOTS' EYES, AND MY COSMIC  
RAY EMANATIONS JAMMED  
THEIR RADAR! I MUST FREE  
**ECLIPSO**--SO WE CAN  
BEGIN OPERATION  
EARTH!

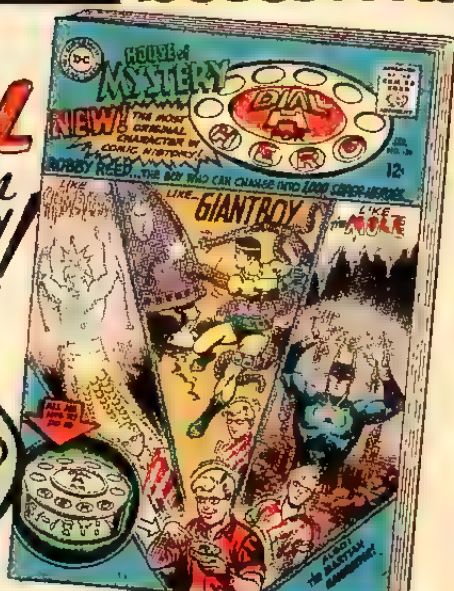
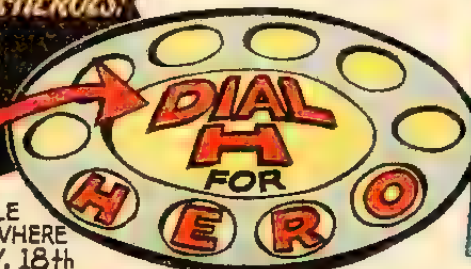
**FREE ECLIPSO  
AGAIN?**  
CAN THIS NEWBORN  
SOLAR DEMON  
REALLY RELEASE  
**ECLIPSO?**  
WILL THE TWO  
BIZARRE INHUMAN  
BEINGS ACTUALLY  
BLACKMAIL GOOD  
OLD EARTH?

NOT IF  
**PRINCE RA-MAN,  
MIND MASTER,  
CAN HELP IT!**

*Read* THE SMASHING  
CONCLUSION  
IN  
**PART 2!**

**NEW!** The Most  
**ORIGINAL**  
**CHARACTER in**  
**COMIC HISTORY!**  
**ROBBY REED--**  
THE BOY WHO CAN  
CHANGE INTO  
**1,000 SUPER-HEROES!**

ALL HE HAS  
TO DO IS...



ON SALE  
EVERYWHERE  
NOV. 18th



# WORLD of the WEIRD

## THE MAGIC OF SOLOMON

**K**ING Solomon's wisdom has been well popularized, but not as widely acclaimed are the magical powers associated with his name. The countless mystical tales concerning his reputed occult powers are found in all parts of the world.

An Abyssinian legend relates how Solomon, having been seized by demon blacksmiths, saved himself by repeating the magical term, "Lofaham," three times.

Solomon is credited with having written many books on magic—foremost of these being "The Key of Solomon," which explains the methods he had of summoning and mastering the demons.

The famous Jewish historian, Josephus, noted for his factual reporting, refers specifically to Solomon's skill in mastering the demons. Solomon, in all his dealings, enlisted the services of spirits. It was said that he employed spirits to enable him to transport himself and his armies on a magic carpet.

Most people are familiar with the story of Aladdin's Lamp, that appears in Arab folklore. Solomon reputedly had a lamp that possessed the same powers. Another magical artifact was *Solomon's Ring*, which he rubbed when he wanted to summon spirits.

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## TOYS THAT TOLD THE FUTURE

**A**NOTHER monarch whose name was associated with magical powers was Nectanebus, an Egyptian king who ruled in the fourth century B.C.

Nectanebus specialized in divining the future, and one of his methods of performing this magical feat is unique. He fashioned miniature wax figurines of enemy fleets and of his own warships, placing both fleets in a large tank containing water from the Nile River.

Then he stirred up the water violently, and watched carefully to see which fleet, the enemy's or his own, survived the swirling water. It was claimed that the winner of the miniature battle never failed to be the winner of the actual sea battle that always followed!

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## WITCHES' CONVENTION

**I**T was widely believed that the witches and magicians of the ancient world met regularly in convention. The assembly was known as the "Witches' Sabbat." This strange meeting was reputedly held every three months: on February 2nd; on Walpurgis Night, which was May Day Eve; on Midsummer Eve, and on November Eve.

It was said that the witches came riding through the air on goats, broomsticks, and even in airborne carriages. The place of the meeting was invariably a mountain top, near a dead tree.

Satan himself, supposedly, presided at these meetings, usually in the form of a black cat, a raven, or a goat. While no one today believes in the supernatural claims that were made, there is no doubt that during medieval times hundreds of people, posing as witches or magicians, flocked to these Sabbats. Among the participants were many men who were prominent among the nobility.



**PART TWO**

**PRINCE RA-MAN, MIND MASTER, BATTLES HELIO, THE SUN DEMON, AND ECLIPSO!**

**IN A DISTANT CITY, A HORRIFIED AUDIENCE WATCHES A NEWSREEL MADE BY CONTINUOUS-RUN CAMERAS THAT CAPTURED THE TERRIFYING HAPPENINGS AT SPACE CENTER ZEBRA WEST!**



OOOH--!

WHAT POWER!

FANTASTIC!

NOTHING CAN STOP THAT-- NOTHING!



**AND AS THE MOVIE FINISHES...**

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

THERE'S A RUMOR THAT **HELIO** BUSTER WILL BLACKMAIL EARTH!

ISN'T THE GOVERNMENT DOING ANYTHING?

WE'LL ALL BE DESTROYED!



**ONLY ONE FACE REMAINS CALM-- ONLY ONE VOICE SPEAKS WITHOUT TREMBLING! PRINCE RA-MAN, MIND MASTER, LORD OF THE POWERS OF THE SIX-SIDED SUN...**

**FIRST TO CALL RA-MAN, WASHINGTON, D.C.-- AND THEN DIRECTLY TO SPACE CENTER ZEBRA WEST! IF ONLY I'M NOT TOO LATE!**





**SHORTLY, AT THE SPACE CENTER... CHECK!**

WASHINGTON SAID TO GIVE YOU FULL COOPERATION, **PRINCE RA-MAN**, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW "BLACK MAGIC" CAN HELP IN THIS EMERGENCY...

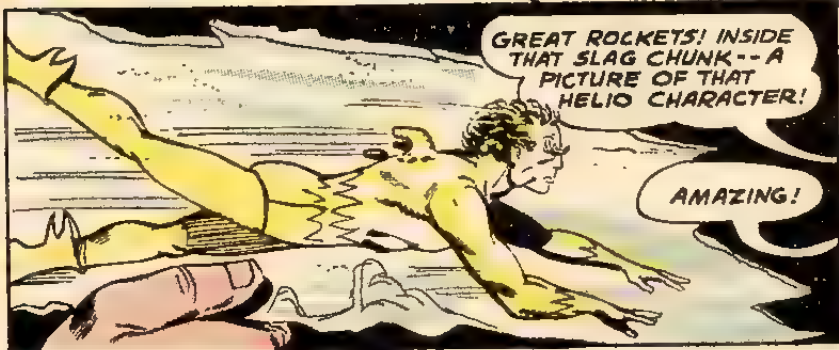
**HELIO CHARACTER'S** BURNING PURE HYDROGEN AT TEN THOUSAND DEGREES FAHRENHEIT! AND OUR SEARCH HASN'T TURNED UP HIS HIDEOUT!

**THAT**



"BLACK MAGIC" AS YOU QUAINLY PUT IT, GENTLEMEN, IS NOT WHAT I USE! NOW, HERE IS WHERE **HELIO'S** BLOWTORCH JETS SCORCHED THE DESERT SAND--MELTING IT AND EVEN FORMING SOME OF IT INTO GLASS... LIKE THIS PIECE!

NOW TO USE THE POWERS OF THE SIX-SIDED SUN--AIDED BY YOUR OWN SUN, FROM WHICH **HELIO** SPRANG--AND SEE WHAT THIS GLASS DEBRIS REVEALS...

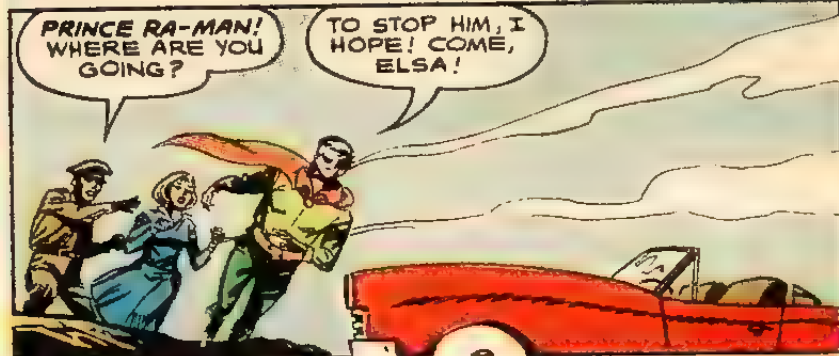


**GREAT ROCKETS!** INSIDE THAT SLAG CHUNK--A PICTURE OF THAT **HELIO CHARACTER!**

**AMAZING!**

**PRINCE RA-MAN!** WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

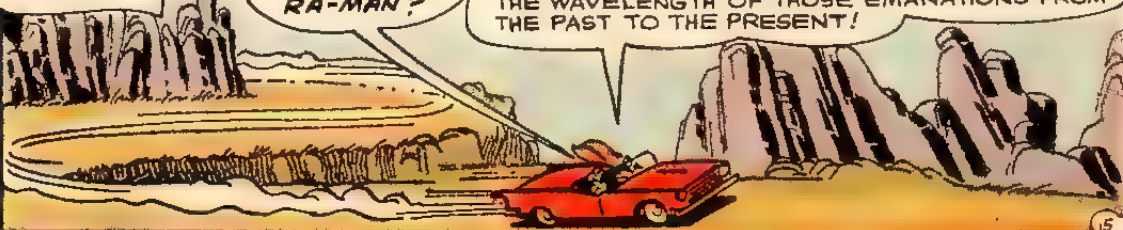
TO STOP HIM, I HOPE! COME, **ELSA!**



MOMENTS LATER, ROARING OVER TWISTING MOUNTAIN ROADS...

HOW...HOW DID YOU CONJURE UP THAT IMAGE OF **HELIO, RA-MAN?**

I DIDN'T, **ELSA!** THE SIX-SIDED SUN DID IT--BECAUSE THAT GLASS CHUNK WAS MADE BY **HELIO'S** OWN EMANATIONS--AND HIS WHEREABOUTS WERE THUS REVEALED BY FORECASTING THE WAVELENGTH OF THOSE EMANATIONS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT!





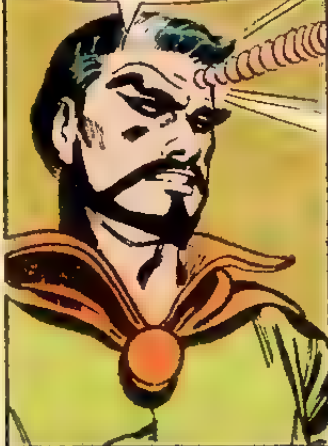
THEN, WHERE  
THE ROAD  
REACHES A  
PASS BETWEEN  
TWO GREAT  
MESAS...

WHY ARE WE STOPPING  
HERE, RA-MAN??

WE HAVE A RENDEZVOUS, ELSA! IF  
MY RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN LAND-  
MARKS ON THE WAY HERE WAS  
CORRECT--OUR FRIEND **HELIO**  
SHOULD BE PASSING OVERHEAD...  
RIGHT ABOUT...



LET'S SEE HOW TOUGH  
A FOE I'M FACING! I'LL  
FOCUS MY MENTAL BEAM  
AT THE AIR JUST AHEAD  
OF HIM...



AS RA-MAN AIMS HIS UNIQUE POWER--  
THAT OF MIND OVER MATTER--AT THE  
AIR...

A NET--A  
GREAT TRAP  
ACROSS THE  
SKY BEFORE  
ME!

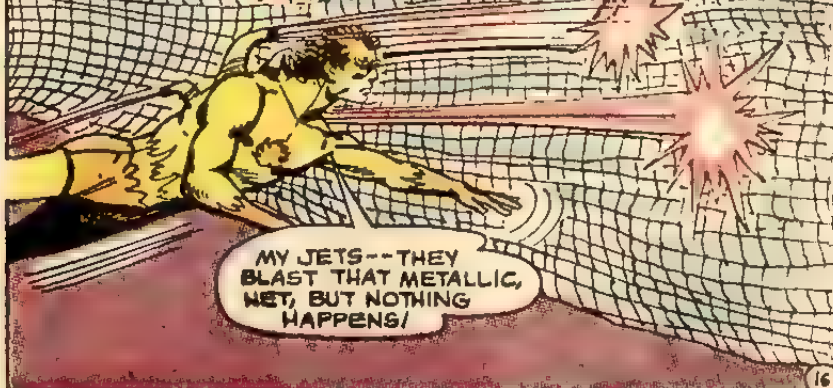


...NOW!

OH, IT'S  
HIM--IT'S  
THAT  
AWFUL  
**SUN  
DEMON!**

IMMEDIATELY, THE INCANDESCENT MENACE REACTS TO THE THREAT  
IN HIS PATH...

**VAAA-ZOOOSSH!**



MY JETS--THEY  
BLAST THAT METALLIC,  
NET, BUT NOTHING  
HAPPENS!



AS I SUSPECTED -- IT  
HAD TO BE AN ILLUSION!  
A REAL TRAP WOULD  
HAVE BEEN CONSUMED  
BY MY JETS!



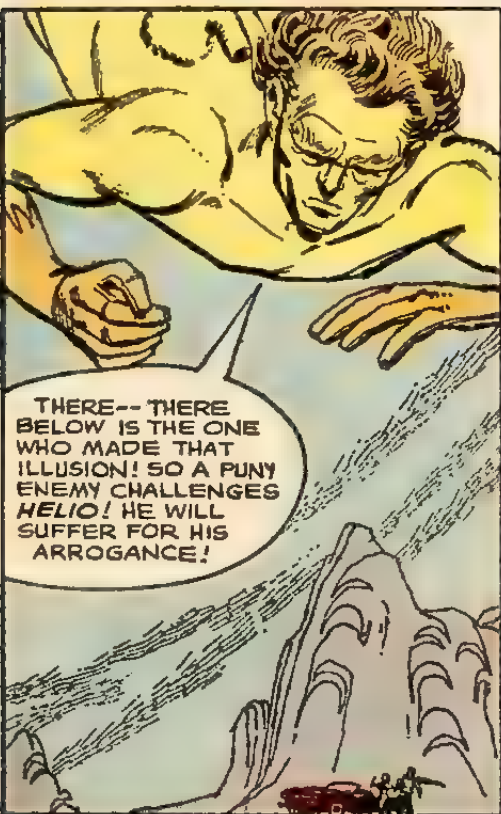
LIKE A BLAZING METEOR, THE SOLAR BEING  
PLUNGES DOWN--DOWN--TOWARD RA-MAN  
AND ELSA...



RA-MAN!  
HE'S  
ATTACKING  
US!

DON'T MOVE A  
STEP, ELSA! YOU  
CAN'T ESCAPE  
THOSE HYDROGEN  
JETS! OUR ONLY  
CHANCE IS TO  
USE MY MENTAL  
BEAM...

THERE-- THERE  
BELOW IS THE ONE  
WHO MADE THAT  
ILLUSION! SO A PUNY  
ENEMY CHALLENGES  
HELIO! HE WILL  
SUFFER FOR HIS  
ARROGANCE!



...TO CHANGE THAT  
ROCKY PINNACLE  
INTO A NATURAL  
STONE BRIDGE!

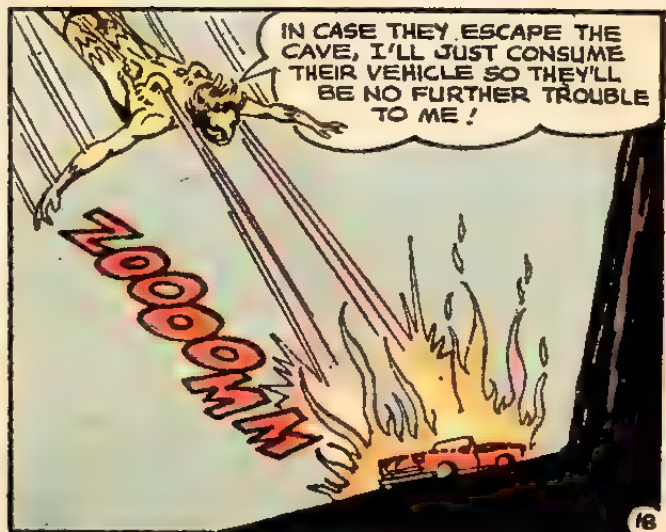
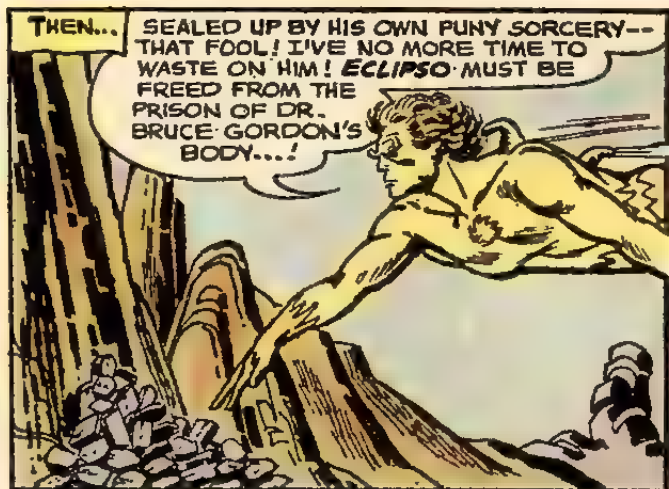
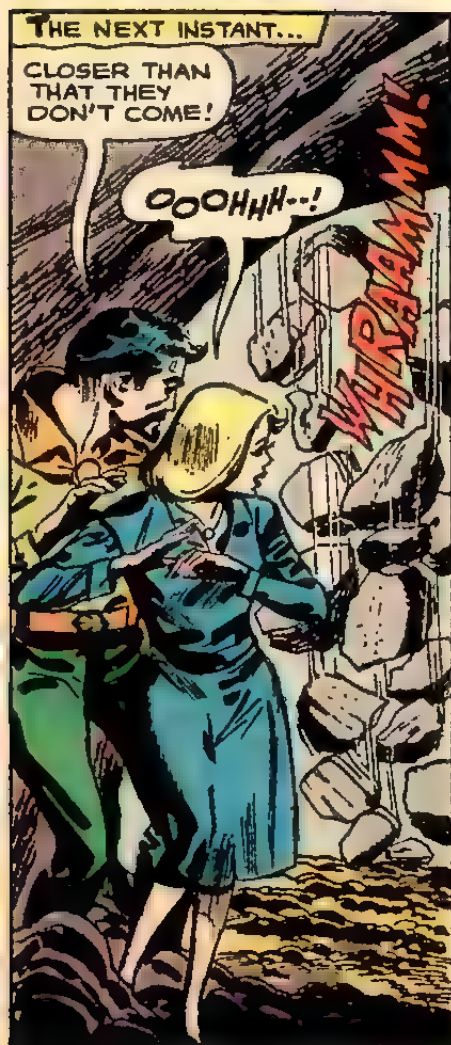
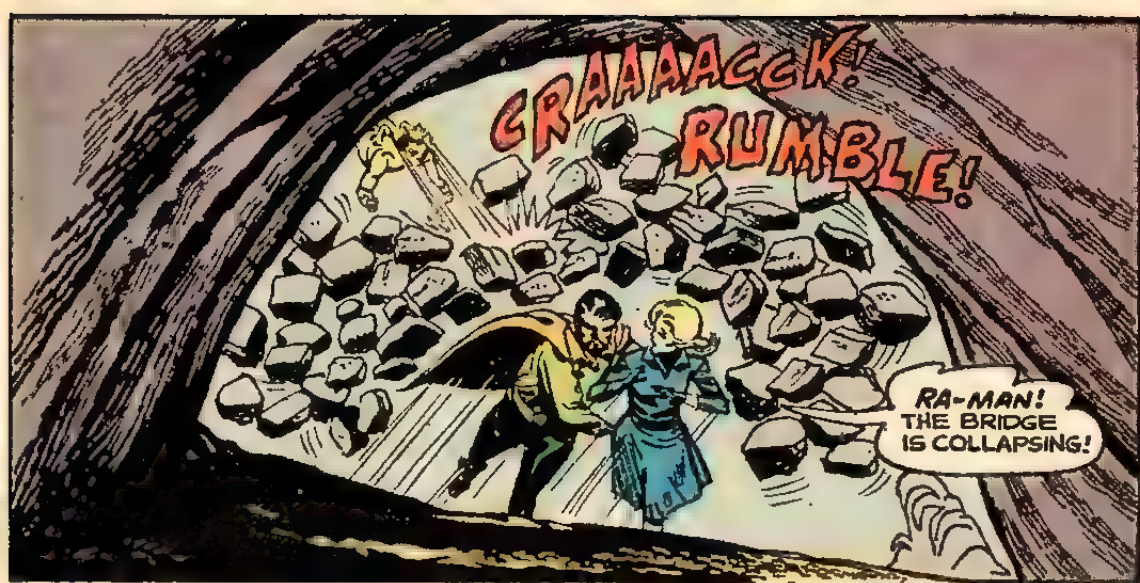


NOW, IF THAT CAN  
ONLY PROTECT US  
LONG ENOUGH SO  
WE CAN REACH THAT  
CAVE! HURRY,  
ELSA!



ZOOOOOOO  
WHAM







A FEW MINUTES PASS-- AND THEN, BREAKING THE MOUNTAIN SILENCE...

HELIO'S GONE--SO IT'S SAFE TO EXIT AFTER I MY THOUGHT BEAM UNSEALS THE CAVE BY MAKING THOSE BOULDERS LIGHT AS CORKS!

BUT, RA-MAN-- THE CAR! WE'RE STUCK HERE!

BUT SHORTLY AFTER, AS A RANCHER SEARCHING FOR STRAYS BY HELICOPTER PASSES OVER...

GOOD! THAT WHIRLY-BIRD WILL GET US TO WHERE WE CAN GET ON HELIO'S TRAIL AGAIN!

BUT WHERE IS HE NOW? HE HAS A TERRIFIC HEAD-START ON US!

COUNTY AIRFIELD BELOW, FOLKS! YOU CAN CATCH A PLANE THERE!

EXCELLENT! MANY THANKS! NOW, ELSA, TO USE THAT SAME GLASS FRAGMENT TO FOLLOW HELIO'S CURRENT MOVEMENTS!

THERE HE IS! WHAT'S THAT PLACE HE'S LANDING NEAR... RUINS OF...

...SOLAR CITY! THE HUMANITARIAN PROJECT THE FAMOUS DR.

BRUCE GORDON BUILT THAT WAS WRECKED BY ECLIPSO! COME ON, ELSA--WE'VE GOT TO REACH GORDON IN TIME!

YES, WHAT ABOUT THE FAMED YOUNG SCIENTIST? IN THE VAST LAB COMPLEX BENEATH THE RUINS OF SOLAR CITY...

TWO DAYS, BRUCE, AND NOT A SIGN OF HELIO SHOWING UP ANYWHERE! WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?

TROUBLE, PROFESSOR! SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT ECLIPSO'S LITTLE HELPER WILL BE HEARD FROM AGAIN! MAYBE THIS

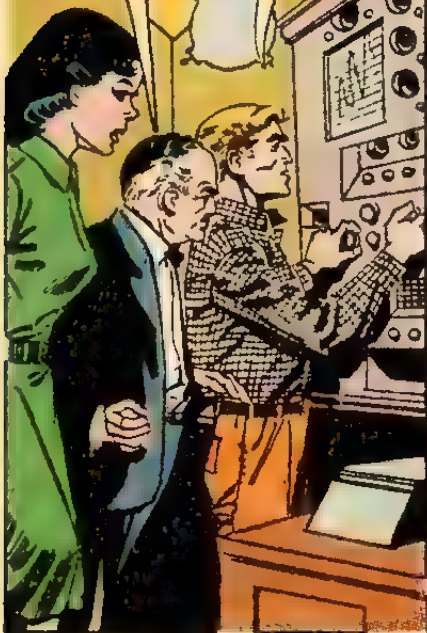
SPECIALY DESIGNED HELIOGRAPH WILL HELP US TRACE HIM DOWN...



**SUDDENLY...**

HOLD ON--! THE HELIOGRAPH'S OSCILLOSCOPE --IT'S ACTING UP LIKE CRAZY! **HELIO--** HE'S NEARBY!

**GOOD STARS!** HOW COULD HE BE?



AND THE NEXT MOMENT, AS A TELL-TALE GLOW FILLS THE ROOM...

**OOOH! HE'S HERE-- BURNING RIGHT THROUGH THAT WALL!**



**HA! HA! HA! GREETINGS, DR. GORDON! I CANNOT MAKE THE HEAVENS ANSWER MY COMMAND-- TO CALL FORTH **ECLIPSO**--**

--BUT BY USING THAT DISC TO ECLIPSE MY JET'S LIGHT, PERHAPS I CAN FREE HIM ONCE MORE, TEMPORARILY ANYHOW ...

LOOK OUT, BRUCE! HE'S CREATING AN ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSE!



BUT PROFESSOR BENNETT'S WARNING COMES TOO LATE AS...

OH, NO--! BRUCE IS CHANGING DIRECTLY... INTO **ECLIPSO**!



THE NEXT MOMENT... HURRY, **ECLIPSO**!

WE'VE WORK TO DO! **OPERATION EARTH** NEEDS YOUR GENIUS!

I'LL STOP YOU, YOU FIEND... **UUGGHH!**

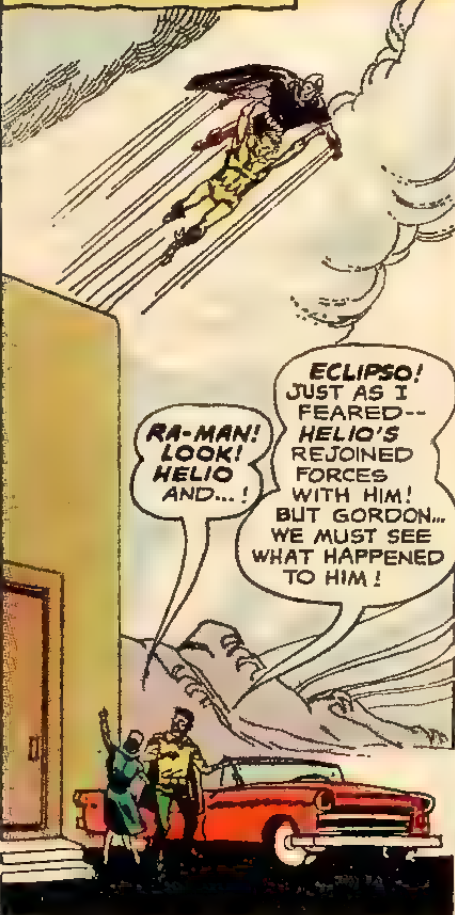
BE RIGHT WITH YOU, MY IMPETUOUS FRIEND! FIRST, TO FORESTALL ANY PURSUIT!



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THEN, AS TWO NEW ARRIVALS REACH THE LAB ENTRANCE...



RA-MAN!  
LOOK!  
HELIO  
AND...!

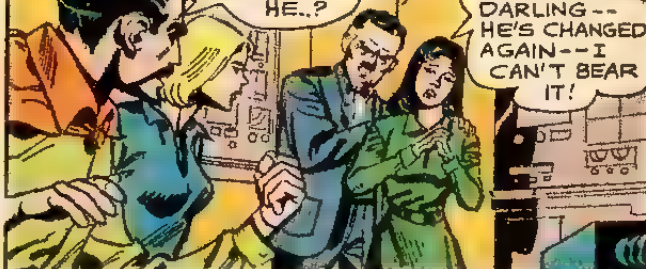
ECLIPSO!  
JUST AS I  
FEARED--  
HELIO'S  
REJOINED  
FORCES  
WITH HIM!  
BUT GORDON...  
WE MUST SEE  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO HIM!

RUSHING DOWN INTO THE LAB COMPLEX...

PROFESSOR BENNET-- I  
AM PRINCE RA-MAN, MIND  
MASTER! PERHAPS YOU  
HEARD OF ME...  
DR. GORDON--  
WHERE IS  
HE..?

WHY...ER...HE'S  
GONE...HASN'T  
BEEN HERE...

BRUCE! OH,  
MY POOR  
DARLING--  
HE'S CHANGED  
AGAIN--I  
CAN'T BEAR  
IT!



SHE...SHE'S  
DELIRIOUS...  
OVERWROUGHT...  
ANY SENSE!

MY SPECIAL POWERS AND SENSES  
TELL ME SHE DOES **NOT** LIE,  
PROFESSOR! THEY ALSO TELL ME  
A STARTLING FACT--THAT BRUCE  
GORDON **IS** ECLIPSO...IS HIS  
OTHER SELF!



I...UH...NO USE HIDING DR. GORDON'S  
SECRET FROM YOU, RA-MAN! I KNOW  
OF YOUR GREAT REPUTATION AND  
POWERS! YES, ECLIPSO IS BRUCE'S  
OTHER SPLIT IDENTITY! HELIO, THIS  
TIME, TRANSFORMED BRUCE INTO  
ECLIPSO BY AN ARTIFICIAL  
ECLIPSE!



IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY  
EFFECT, BUT BRUCE  
WILL BE ECLIPSO'S  
PRISONER, AND WHEN  
A REAL ECLIPSE  
OCCURS, ECLIPSO  
WILL SPLIT OFF  
PERMANENTLY... IF THEY  
GET THAT STOLEN SPACE  
PLATFORM INTO ORBIT...  
IT'LL BE A WORLD  
DISASTER!

I KNOW, PROFESSOR!  
BUT WE ARE  
GOING TO STOP  
THEM! OBSERVE  
THIS PIECE OF  
GLASS...





NOT LONG AFTER, AS A BOAT TOUCHES THE BEACH OF A DESOLATE ISLAND...

WHAT A FABULOUS SPOT FOR A HIDEOUT-- A NAVY BOMB RANGE! NO WONDER WE NEVER FOUND ECLIPSO'S SECRET LAB-- YOU'RE SURE THAT GLASS IMAGE DIDN'T LIE?

THEY'LL BE HERE, PROFESSOR-- BOTH THOSE VILLAINS!

BUT AS THE MIND MASTER'S UNIQUE MENTAL BEAM LEAPS ACROSS THE SPACE BETWEEN HIM AND THE ACCELERATING PLATFORM...

THAT SORCERER AGAIN! BUT THE AURA OF MY COSMIC RAY EMANATIONS PROTECT THE PLATFORM FROM ANY OF HIS MAGIC!

RA-MAN! IT DIDN'T WORK! THEY'RE ESCAPING... GAINING ALTITUDE!

ONE LAST CHANCE! I MUST USE THE SIX-HEADED SUN SYMBOL ITSELF TO DEFEAT THEM!

WORLD OF RA--GIVE THIS DISC THE STRENGTH OF THE GREAT SIX-SIDED SUN ITSELF! IN THE NAME OF OLD IMHOTEP, CREATOR OF THE SEVEN MIRACLES, MASTER OF ALL WHO WOULD SERVE TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND GREAT ISIS!

SUDDENLY... GREAT NOVAS! ECLIPSO AND HELIO WITH THE STOLEN PLATFORM! THEY'RE HEADING FOR ORBIT!

I MUST TRY TO STOP THEM NOW--BEFORE THEY GAIN ALTITUDE AND WHILE HELIO'S JETS STILL MUST FIGHT EARTH'S GRAVITY!



ACROSS THE BARRIERS OF SPACE AND TIME, FROM THE WORLD OF RA, THE MIND MASTER DRAWS INCREASED POWERS AND...

RA-MAN!  
NO--  
YOU'LL  
BE  
KILLED!

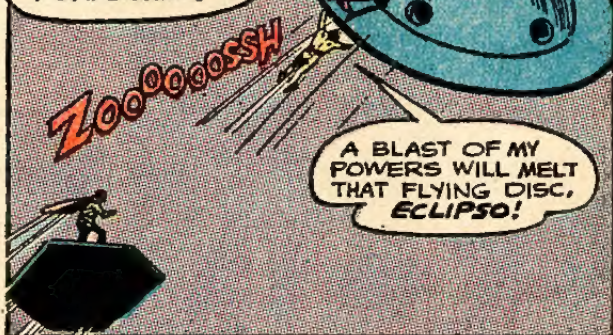
BETTER TO DIE  
HERE DEFENDING THIS  
WORLD--THAN LIVE ON IN  
SHAMEFUL SERVITUDE!  
FAREWELL, LOVELY ELSA!



AS THE DISC ZOOMS, LIKE SOME ANCIENT GLITTERING SHIELD, UP TOWARD THE SPEEDING PLATFORM...

HELIO!

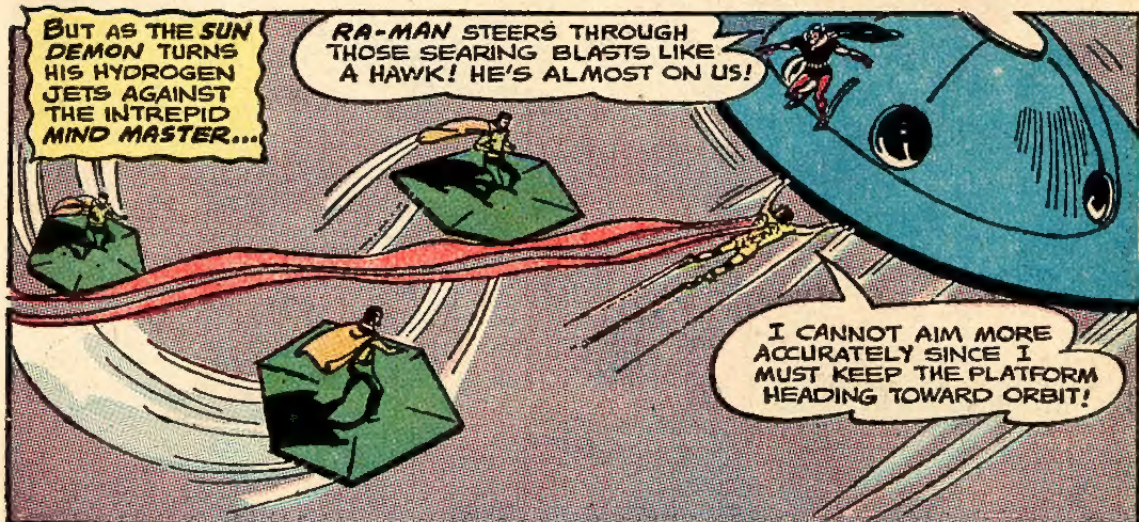
IT'S RA-MAN! STOP HIM!  
WE MUST GET THE PLATFORM  
INTO ORBIT TO USE THE  
INSTRUMENTS AND  
WEAPONS I'VE  
PERFECTED!



A BLAST OF MY  
POWERS WILL MELT  
THAT FLYING DISC,  
ECLIPSO!

BUT AS THE SUN  
DEMON TURNS  
HIS HYDROGEN  
JETS AGAINST  
THE INTREPID  
MIND MASTER...

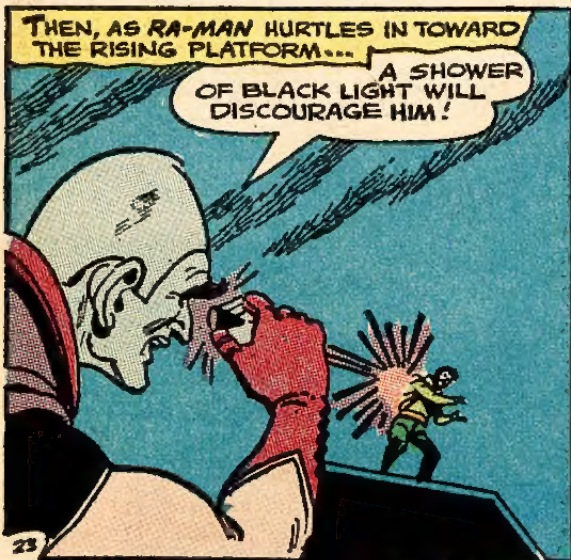
RA-MAN STEERS THROUGH  
THOSE SEARING BLASTS LIKE  
A HAWK! HE'S ALMOST ON US!



I CANNOT AIM MORE  
ACCURATELY SINCE I  
MUST KEEP THE PLATFORM  
HEADING TOWARD ORBIT!

THEN, AS RA-MAN HURTLES IN TOWARD  
THE RISING PLATFORM...

A SHOWER  
OF BLACK LIGHT WILL  
DISCOURAGE HIM!



BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...

MY DIAMOND TURNING  
TO A SOOTY OPAQUE  
CINDER! I'M DISARMED!





**ECLIPSO!** HE'S TOO CLOSE! I CANNOT USE MY JETS WITHOUT HITTING THE PLATFORM!

KEEP ACCELERATING, **HELIO!** I WILL DEAL WITH THIS FOOL!

AS **ECLIPSO** LEAPS UPON THE DISC...

MY STRENGTH IS GREATER THAN ANY HUMAN'S! HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO WIN?

YOU WILL FIND, **ECLIPSO**, THAT I AM NO ORDINARY MORTAL!

NOW, PERHAPS, A PUNCH USED BY ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WARRIORS AGAINST GIANT SUDANESE FOES WILL FELL YOU!

**THUD!**

**UUGH!**

AS THE MASTER OF EVIL SLUMPS ONTO THE DISC, **RA-MAN** DIRECTS IT ABOVE THE NOW STREAKING PLATFORM...

THAT INFERNAL SORCERER--HE'S CUTTING ME OFF FROM MY SOLAR RADIATION--AND I'M RECEIVING HIS GREEN SUN'S INSTEAD! MY POWERS--ARE FADING--

**SPPUTT  
SPPUT**

AND THEN...

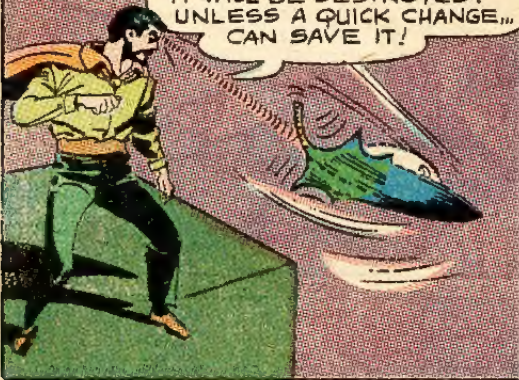
I'M FADING... DYING...!

AS I SUSPECTED-- WITHOUT THE SUN'S POWER-- **HELIO'S** WICKED LIFE ENDS!

**ALERT!**

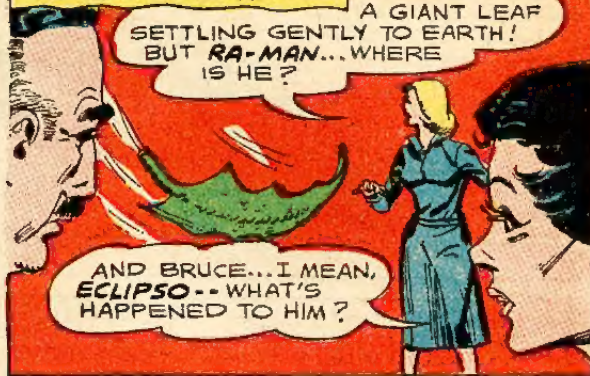


THE PLATFORM! GREAT IS--  
IT WILL BE DESTROYED!  
UNLESS A QUICK CHANGE...  
CAN SAVE IT!



ONCE MORE, THE MIND MASTER'S FABULOUS  
POWERS WORK AND...

A GIANT LEAF  
SETTLING GENTLY TO EARTH!  
BUT RA-MAN... WHERE  
IS HE?



AND BRUCE... I MEAN,  
ECLIPSO-- WHAT'S  
HAPPENED TO HIM?

THE FEARS OF THE WATCHERS BELOW ARE  
ANSWERED SHORTLY AS...

RA-MAN! YOU'RE YES, ELSA, AND NOW  
SAFE AND... TO CONVERT THAT  
YOU'VE LEAF BACK INTO ITS  
WON! ORIGINAL FORM--THE  
STOLEN SPACE PLATFORM!  
THE THREAT TO BLACK-  
MAIL EARTH...  
IS ENDED!



ECLIPSO--HE'S BEGINNING  
TO CHANGE BACK TO BRUCE! THE  
ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSE'S EFFECTS  
ARE WEARING OFF!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

RA-MAN! HOW CAN I NO NEED TO,  
EVER REPAY YOU-- DR. GORDON!  
HOW CAN EARTH EVER THOUGH I COME  
REPAY YOU FOR WHAT THIS ONE AS FROM ANOTHER  
YOU'VE DONE? MUCH! AND NEVER WORLD, I LOVE  
FEAR, YOUR SECRET THIS ONE AS  
REMAINS SAFE WITH ELISA AND ME!



ZOWEEE! WE TOLD YOU IT WOULD BE A CORKER! IF YOU DIG ECLIPSO  
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**SPECTRE** IS COMING--  
CLOSER--CLOSER--CLOSER--  
He's **HERE!**



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IN A FULLY-LENGTH SPECTRE-ACULAR...  
THE WAR THAT SHOOK  
THE UNIVERSE!

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